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John Ogg Farm  
New Germany  
Private

mid 19th century

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

John Ogg Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Blaine Shunk Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Twin Churches Road , N side, 1.2 mi. W of Lower New Germany Road

CITY, TOWN

New Germany

☒ VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY  
Garrett County**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Blaine Shunk

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 43

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The facade (E elevation) has a symmetrical five bay, center door arrangement and a full length porch. The windows on this elevation, as well as the other elevations on the main block, are 1/1 sash replacements. Its shed-roofed porch, with four Tuscan column supports, appears to be a twentieth century addition.

The stone chimney on the north endwall is a shouldered stack made of rock-faced ashlar. Sash windows flank the chimney on the first and second floor levels, while two small casements pierce the gable. The south endwall has two sash windows per floor and two four-pane casements in the gable, as well. A box cornice with partial gable end returns outlines the eaves.

The rear wing, which measures two bays long by one bay wide, projects from the center of the west elevation creating a T-plan. Elongated 1/1 sash windows light its north and south walls, while an interior brick chimney rises through the center of its unfenestrated enwall. Shed-roofed porches shelter the full length of both north and south elevations.

The entire exterior of the house is sheathed with aluminum siding.

Hand-planed, vertical plank partition walls divide the interior into a double pile, center hall plan, the front rooms being slightly larger than those in the rear. The wall between the two rooms on the north side of the hall has been removed. The north front room, which contains the stone fireplace, originally served as the kitchen. This room now functions as a living room, and the kitchen has been moved to the rear wing.

The hall is very wide and has a staircase on its north wall with 14 grained risers leading to a landing at the second floor. From the landing, two more stairs climb in the reverse direction. The newel post is a slender turned column, square at the top and bottom, with a ball to grasp near the handrail. Square balusters (1" x 1") are spaced two per tread. On the second floor an enclosed staircase leads to the attic.

The first floor retains many of its original details. Its two-panel doors, molded door and window surrounds, and plain board baseboards are all painted with grained wood finish. The walls and ceilings are paneled with hand planed, random width boards. According to the present owner, the stone fireplace, now altered, originally had a very large hearth because it was used for cooking. There was also a fireplace in the basement, but the opening there has been blocked.

The barn, located directly south of the house on the opposite side (S side) of t road, is supported by a circular sawn frame and a foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone. Its exterior walls are covered with vertical board, and have louvered vents in their endwalls.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

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|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | mid 19th c. | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oral tradition holds that the original settler on this property was a Mr. Brunneman, and that the house was built by Mr. Ogg, a later owner.<sup>2</sup> There is no record of Brenneman in the chain of title, but we do find John Ogg and John Warnick buying the property, called "Springfield", in 1851.<sup>3</sup> Whether John Ogg was really the builder of the house is uncertain. The value of the property rose sharply before he bought it and then stayed fairly constant during his ownership.

It is thought that one of the early owners of this property, possibly John Ogg, tried to raise tobacco and erected a log barn to dry it. The tobacco crop failed due to inappropriate climate, but the barn was later used as a blacksmith shop by Christian J. Otto, owner from 1878 to 1910.<sup>4</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- <sup>1</sup>Interview with Grace Shunk, 22 July 1981.
- <sup>2</sup>Grace Shunk.
- <sup>3</sup>Allegany County Land Records, Allegany County Courthouse, liber 7, folio 399.
- <sup>4</sup>Grace Shunk.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

January 1982

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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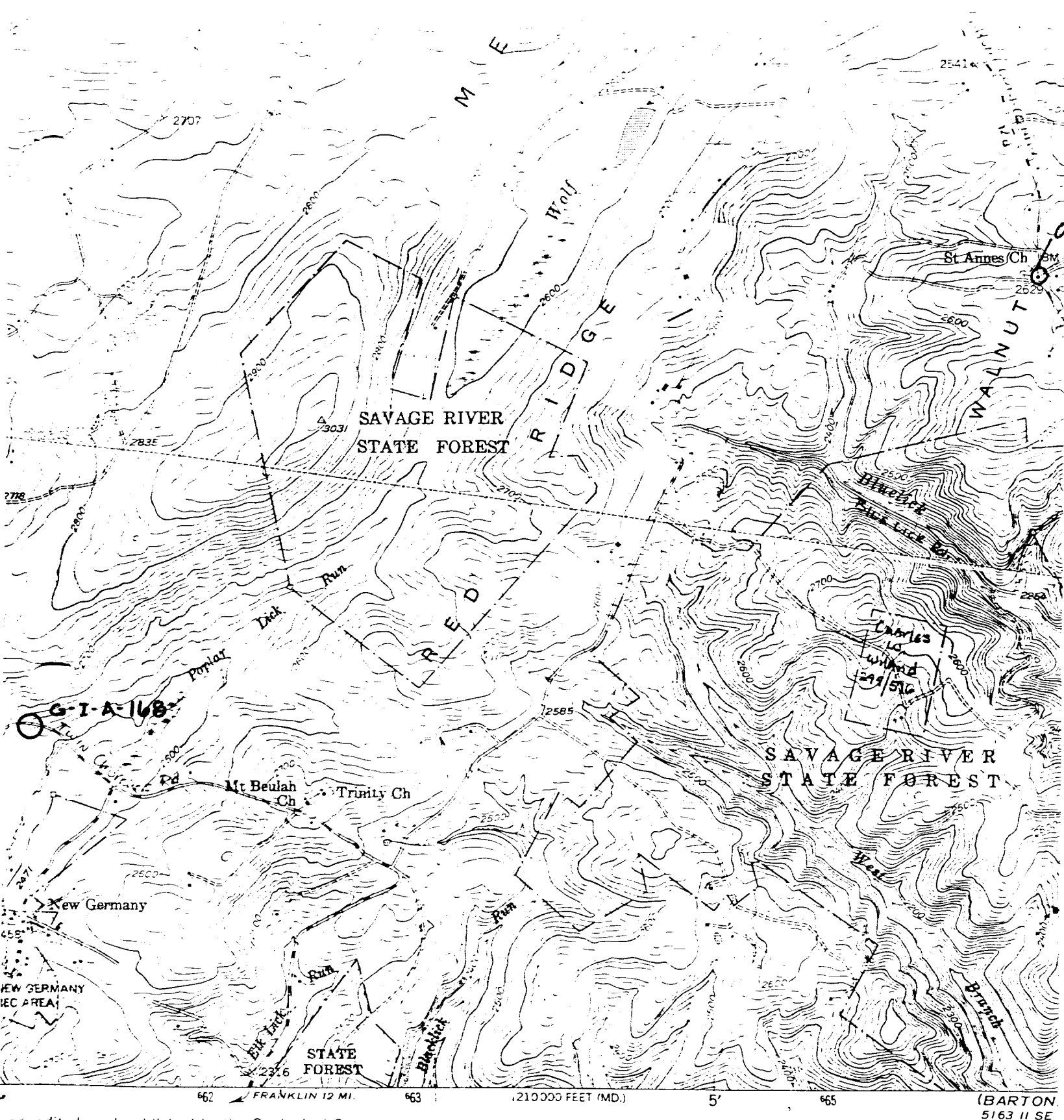
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Continuation #7 Description

The smokehouse is a very small, gable-roofed building constructed of two layers of vertical plank on a poured concrete foundation.

Other outbuildings include a workshop, a cow shed, a chicken coop, a corn crib, and several other undetermined frame buildings.

A log outbuilding was previously located south of the house, just over the south side of the road. No traces of it remain, but the owner thinks that it was built as a tobacco barn and remembers it being used as a black-smith shop by her grandfather.<sup>1</sup>



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W of Lower New Germany Road





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Rear - N & W elevations



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Facade - E & S elevations



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Rear - S & W elevations